

**IN THE UNITED STATES PATENT AND TRADEMARK OFFICE**

Applicant : Rian R. Maloney                      Art Unit : 3628  
Serial No. : 09/872,392                      Examiner : Harish T. Dass  
Filed : June 1, 2001                      Confirmation No.: 2875  
Notice of Allowance Date: October 3, 2006

Title : **METHOD AND SYSTEM FOR PROCESSING IMAGES FOR A CHECK  
SORTER**

**MAIL STOP ISSUE FEE**

Commissioner for Patents  
P.O. Box 1450  
Alexandria, VA 22313-1450

COMMENTS ON EXAMINER'S REASONS FOR ALLOWANCE

Applicant appreciates the Examiner's allowance of Claims 1, 3, 6-11, 14-16 and 20. Pursuant to 37 C.F.R. §1.104, Applicant respectfully issues a statement commenting on the Examiner's reasons for allowance. Applicant respectfully disagrees with the Examiner's reasons for allowance to the extent that they are inconsistent with applicable case law, statutes, and regulations. Further, Applicant does not admit to any characterization or limitation of the claims or to any characterization of a reference by the Examiner, particularly any that are inconsistent with the language of the claims considered in their entirety and including all of their constituent limitations.

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Respectfully submitted,

Date: December 28, 2006

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